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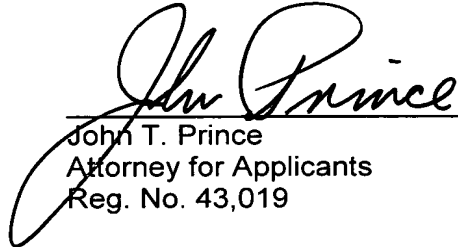
The foregoing Amendments to the Specification are to insert the Abstract on a separate sheet following the Claims.

The amendments to the Claims are to eliminate multiple dependencies and put the Claims in proper format. No new matter has been added.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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